

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF ETHANOL

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the oil companies are not buying the stipulated quantity of ethanol produced by the Sugar mills;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore indicating the names of the oil companies that failed to purchase their stipulated quota; and
- (c) the names of the States where Sugar mills have stocks of ethanol for sale alongwith the quantity of ethanol stocked in each State?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are not in a position always to procure the stipulated quantity of ethanol produced by Sugar mills because of impediments to free inter-state movement of ethanol due to various taxes/fees levied by the State Governments and cumbersome procedure prescribed by them. A statement on State-wise position of quantities of ethanol procured by OMCs is annexed.

(c) No such data is maintained by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. Department of Food & Public Distribution has informed that they do not maintain any data relating to stock of ethanol with sugar mills and States.